

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR TEA LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated number of tea workers in the country at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of welfare schemes implemented by the Government for the welfare of the labourers in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering any special package for such tea labourers particularly with regard to education, health and sanitation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): A statement showing the estimated number of tea workers on the rolls of Tea Gardens in the Country, State/UT-wise, is attached at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d): The Plantations Labour Act, 1951 provides for regulation of the conditions of work and welfare measures for workers in Plantations including Tea Gardens. The welfare provisions of the Act are enforced by the respective State Governments. The Tea Board constituted under the Ministry of Commerce also undertakes several welfare measures aimed at Human Resource Development (HRD) in the area of health and hygiene of workers, education of wards of workers and training to improve skills for growers/ workers and plantation managerial staff. During the 11th Plan Period (2007-12), the activities under the Tea Board's HRD Scheme which were implemented for the benefit of tea plantation workers and their wards throughout the country are indicated at Annexure-II.

For the 11th Plan, the total amount disbursed by the Tea Board was Rs.20.15cr. During the first two years of ongoing 12th Plan period i.e. in 2012-13 & 2013-14, the Tea Board has spent Rs.14.31cr. and Rs.8.93cr. respectively and continued the activities of XI Plan Period under HRD during the ongoing XII Plan period, except construction of school & college building / hostel/ sanitation. The expenditure for the first two years of XII Plan period is as per Annexure-III & IV.